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# Challenges and opportunities in the WASH sector

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# About LEWAP



LEbanese Water  
Actors Platform

- ▶ LEWAP stands for LEbanese Water Actors Platform
- ▶ LEWAP aims at sharing information and experiences among actors in the water and sanitation sector

## Objectives of LEWAP

Collect, analyze and spread information about water and sanitation in Lebanon;

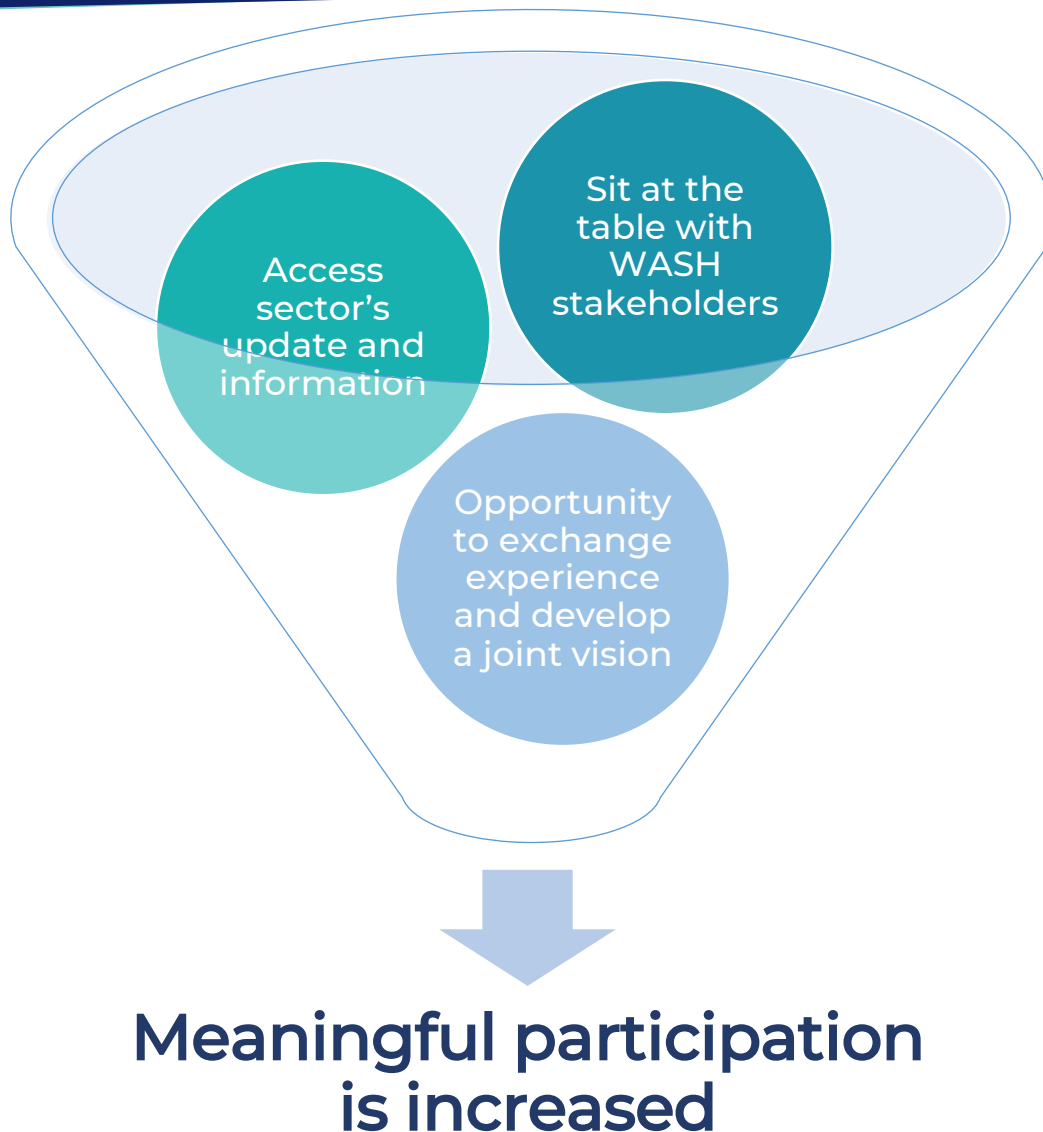
Facilitate multi-actors exchanges;

Strengthen the capacity of local actors;

Support local and international actors in project development.

# About LCSW

The Lebanese Civil Society for Water is a network of local organizations engaged in water and sanitation activities in Lebanon, who want to develop their expertise and operational capacities.





# LCSW coordination mechanisms

HawkaMaa-EU  
(ACTED led)

Creation of LCSW: a network of environmental and WASH civil society and local NGOs

3RF  
(EU-WB led)

Representation of the WASH sector – specifically LNGOs and CSOs to push for policy dialogue – LCSW

WSC  
(USAID)

Capacity building and engagement of civil society and local NGOs in the WASH sector – LCSW



# Survey results

4 main axis:

- Sector Management Structure
- Resources and funding
- Advocacy
- Partnership

Responses from different actors were collected

- Universities and research institutes
- Municipalities
- Water establishment
- LNCO
- Local contractor/entrepreneur
- Media
- INGO

# Challenges in Sector Management Structure

Strategy development and outreach to relevant authorities

- Access to data
- Level of responsiveness
- Lack of interest – due to current crisis
- Politics

Ability to influence decision makers

- Water and wastewater management
- Reforms
- Environment/pollution
- Governance

Consultation by institutional actors

- Qualified staff
- Data availability
- Only when contacted



# Challenges in Resources/Funding

Need to partner with international organizations



Donors' requirements

Years of experiences on the field and with local actors

Data availability



Raw data availability/sharing

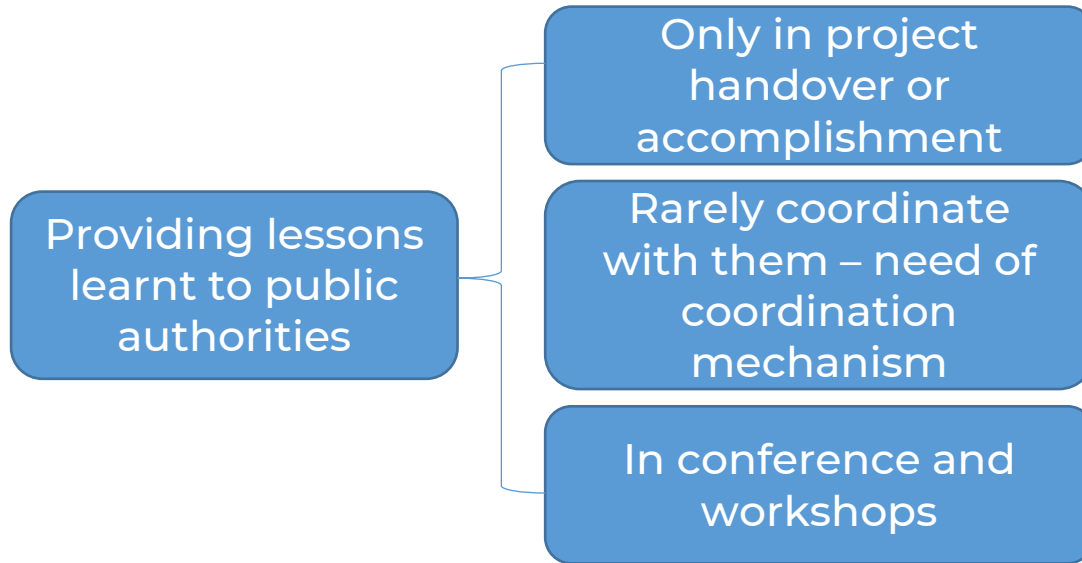
Support from municipalities (info and staff)

Current economic crisis



Raw materials prices

# Challenges in Advocacy



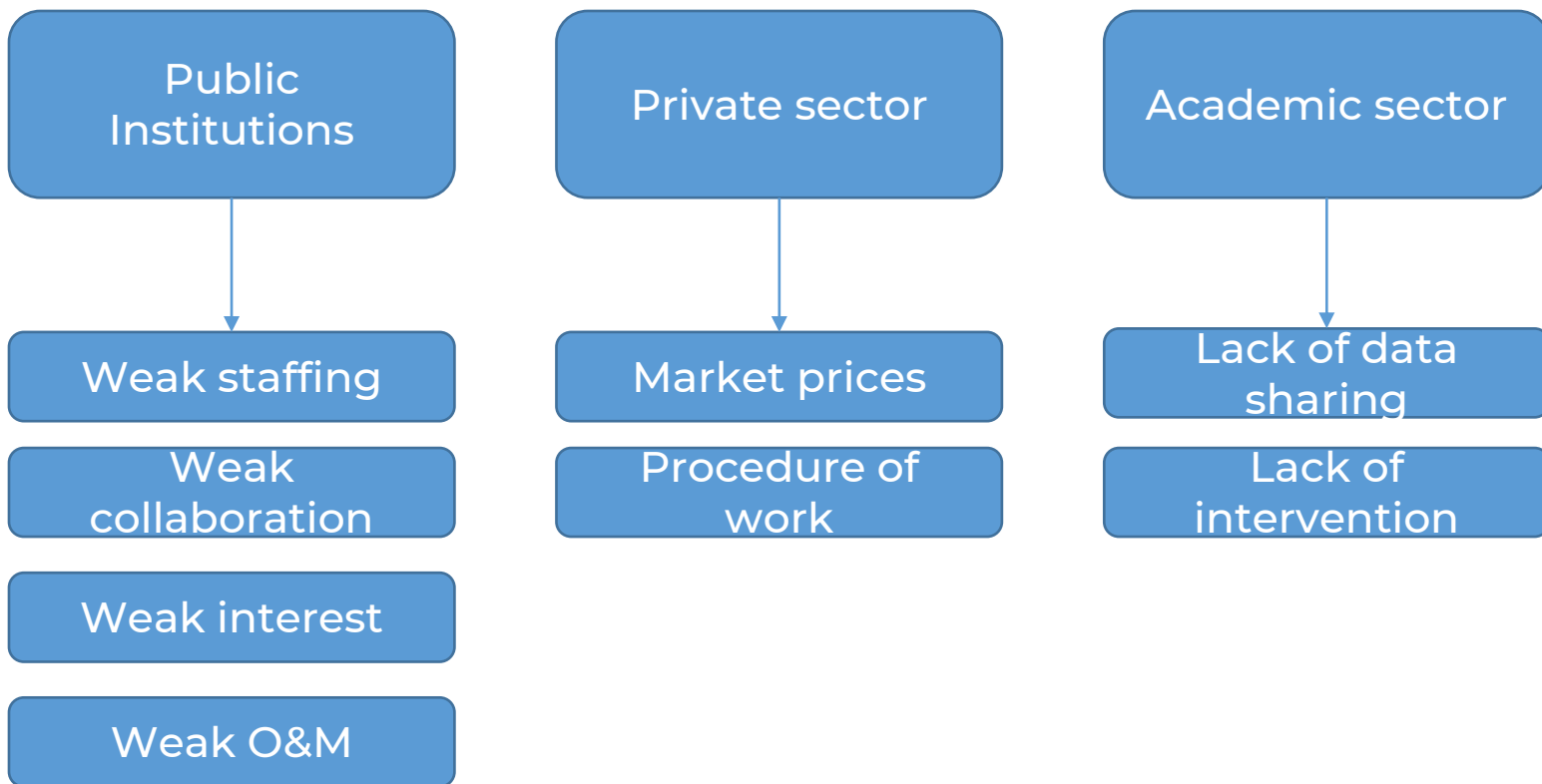
## Some highlighted success stories:

- advocacy for subscription campaigns
- advocacy for solar panels
- support to RWEs





# Challenges in Partnership





# Recommendations

- Better integration of academia and civil society/NGO-led projects
- Build stronger awareness of the public for more participation of citizens
- Holistic approach should be considered; Infrastructure projects should be developed after conducting a full holistic approach
- Coordination should always be conducted at multiple levels; at national and local levels.



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# Thank you for participating

## Any questions?

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